

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number:

1 1. (currently amended) A method for protecting files distributed over a network,
2 comprising:
3 displaying a site map of folders and files in a server computer
4 file system;
5 generating protection status information in response to selection
6 by a user of at least one of the files in the site map, the protection status
7 information designating the at least one of the files selected by the user as being
8 protected files; and
9 sending the protection status information to a server computer;
10 downloading at least one file from the server computer to a client
11 computer; and
12 copy-protecting the at least one file by copy-protection software
13 running on the client computer, if the at least one file is designated by the
14 protection status information as being protected.

1 2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said displaying displays
2 the site map together with a corresponding protection status for each file in the
3 site map, and wherein the method further comprises ~~the step of~~ modifying
4 protection status of at least one of the files, and wherein said sending sends
5 modified protection status information to the server computer.

1 3. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising recording the
2 protection status information in a protection status database.

1 4. (currently amended) A system for protecting files distributed over a network,
2 comprising:
3 a user interface displaying a site map of folders and files in a
4 server computer file system;
5 a protection status manager generating protection status
6 information in response to selection by a user of at least one of the files in the site
7 map, the protection status information designating the at least one of the files
8 selected by the user as being protected files; and

9 a transmitter sending the protection status information to the
10 server computer; and
11 a copy-protection module residing on a client computer, copy-
12 protecting at least one file downloaded from the server computer to the client
13 computer if the at least one file is designated by the protection status information
14 as being protected.

1 5. (previously presented) The system of claim 4 wherein said user interface
2 displays the site map together with a corresponding protection status for each file
3 in the site map, and wherein the protection status manager modifies protection
4 status of at least one of the files, and wherein said transmitter sends modified
5 protection status information to the server computer.

1 6. (original) The system of claim 4 further comprising a database manager
2 recording the protection status information in a protection status database.

1 7. (new) A method for protecting files distributed over a network,
2 comprising:
3 displaying a site map of folders and files in a server computer
4 file system;
5 generating protection status information in response to selection
6 by a user of at least one of the files in the site map, the protection status
7 information designating the at least one of the files selected by the user as being
8 protected files;
9 sending the protection status information to a server computer;
10 and
11 encrypting at least one file on the server computer, if the at least
12 one file is designated by the protection status information as being protected.

1 8. (new) The method of claim 7 further comprising, in response to a
2 request from a client computer to download an unencrypted file residing on the
3 server computer, transmitting an encrypted file to the client computer instead of
4 the requested unencrypted file, if the requested unencrypted file is designated by
5 the protection status information as being protected.

1 9. (new) The method of claim 8 further comprising decrypting the
2 encrypted file by decoding software running on the client computer, subsequent to
3 the client computer receiving the encrypted file from the server computer.

1 10. (new) The method of claim 7 wherein the at least one file on the server
2 computer is at least one image file.

1 11. (new) A system for protecting files distributed over a network,
2 comprising:
3 a user interface displaying a site map of folders and files in a
4 server computer file system;
5 a protection status manager generating protection status
6 information in response to selection by a user of at least one of the files in the site
7 map, the protection status information designating the at least one of the files
8 selected by the user as being protected files;
9 a transmitter sending the protection status information to the
10 server computer; and
11 an encoder encrypting at least one file on the server computer, if
12 the at least one file is designated by the protection status information as being
13 protected.

1 12. (new) The system of claim 11 further comprising a file copy protector
2 on the server computer controlling the server computer to transmit, in response to
3 receiving a request from a client computer to download an unencrypted file on the
4 server computer, an encrypted file instead of the requested unencrypted file, if the
5 requested unencrypted file is designated by the protection status information as
6 being protected.

1 13. (new) The system of claim 12 further comprising a decoder residing on
2 the client computer, decrypting the encrypted file received by the client computer
3 from the server computer.

1 14. (new) The system of claim 11 wherein the at least one file on the server
2 computer is at least one image file.

1 15. (new) A method for protecting files distributed over a network,
2 comprising:
3 displaying a site map of folders and files in a server computer
4 file system;
5 generating protection status information in response to selection
6 by a user of at least one of the files in the site map, the protection status
7 information designating the at least one of the files selected by the user as being
8 protected files;
9 sending the protection status information to a server computer;
10 and
11 in response to a request from a client computer to download an
12 unencrypted file residing on the server computer, transmitting an encrypted file to
13 the client computer instead of the requested unencrypted file, if the requested
14 unencrypted file is designated by the protection status as being protected.

1 16. (new) A system for protecting files distributed over a network,
2 comprising:
3 a user interface displaying a site map of folders and files in a
4 server computer file system;
5 a protection status manager generating protection status
6 information in response to selection by a user of at least one of the files in the site
7 map, the protection status information designating the at least one of the files
8 selected by the user as being protected files;
9 a transmitter sending the protection status information to the
10 server computer; and
11 a file copy protector on the server computer controlling the
12 server computer to transmit, in response to receiving a request from a client
13 computer to download an unencrypted file on the server computer, an encrypted
14 file instead of the requested unencrypted file, if the requested unencrypted file is
15 designated by the protection status information as being protected.

1 17. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein the copy-protection software
2 running on the client computer blocks the ability to capture data of a file being
3 displayed on a computer screen.

1 18. (new) The method of claim 17 wherein the file being displayed is an
2 image file.

1 19. (new) The system of claim 4 wherein the copy-protection module
2 residing on the client computer blocks the ability to capture data of a file being
3 displayed on a computer screen.

1 20. (new) The system of claim 19 wherein the file being displayed is an
2 image file.

1 21. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said generating generates
2 protection status information designating all image files within a folder as being
3 protected, in response to selection by the user of the folder.

1 22. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein said generating generates
2 protection status information designating all image files referenced within an web
3 page as being protected, in response to selection by the user of the web page.

1 23. (new) The system of claim 4 wherein said protection status manager
2 generates protection status information designating all image files within a folder
3 as being protected, in response to selection by the user of the folder.

1 24. (new) The system of claim 4 wherein said protection status manager
2 generates protection status information designating all image files referenced
3 within an web page as being protected, in response to selection by the user of the
4 web page.

1 25. (new) A method of protecting files distributed over a network,
2 comprising:
3 displaying a site map of folders and files in a server computer
4 file system;
5 generating protection status information in response to selection
6 by a user of at least one of the files in the site map, the protection status
7 information designating the at least one of the files selected by the user as being
8 protected files;

9 sending the protection status information to the server computer;
10 receiving a request for data within a file that is designated by the
11 protection status information as being protected; and
12 sending substitute data in response to the request.

1 26. (new) A system for protecting files distributed over a network,
2 comprising:
3 a user interface displaying a site map of folders and files in a
4 server computer file system;
5 a protection status manager generating protection status
6 information in response to selection by a user of at least one of the files in the site
7 map, the protection status information designating the at least one of the files
8 selected by the user as being protected files;
9 a transmitter sending the protection status information to the
10 server computer; and
11 a file copy protector on the server computer controlling the
12 server computer to send substitute data, in response to receiving a request for data
13 within a file that is designated by the protection status information as being
14 protected.